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TAGS: PORG, UNSC, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE: PRESS RELEASE
ON THE HELMS AMENDMENT

1. AS REPORTED SEPTEL, THE RHODESIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE DECIDED JULY 21 THAT IT WOULD ISSUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A PRESS RELEASE EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN OVER THE PROPOSED HELMS AMENDMENT AND THAT IT WOULD REQUEST THAT THE RELEASE BE TRANSMITTED BY USUN TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN THE US GOVERNMENT. THE PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED TODAY (JULY 24) AND IS CONTAINED IN PARA TWO BELOW. THE FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT TO TRANSMIT THE RELEASE HAS NOT YET
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BEEN RECEIVED, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE UPCOMING VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT AND THE SECRETARIAT'S URGENT DESIRE THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED, WE DO SO BELOW.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE. BEGIN TEXT.
COMMUNIQUE BY SECURITY COUNCIL'S SANCTIONS COMMITTEE ON REPORTED MOVES IN US SENATE TO LIFT SANCTIONS AGAINST

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REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF RESOLUTION 253 (1968) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA:

AT ITS 315TH MEETING ON 21 JULY 1978, THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF RESOLUTION 253 (1968) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA CONSIDERED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE REPORTED MEASURES UNDER WAY IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO PASS LEGISLATION AIMED AT REPEALING THE UNITED NATIONS MANDATORY SANCTIONS AGAINST THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. IN THAT CONNEXION THE COMMITTEE HAD BEFORE IT THE TEXT OF A PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON 17 JULY 1978 AND TRANSMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THAT OFFICE FOR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION.

THE PRESS RELEASE EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN AND DISMAY FELT BY THE OAU AT THE REPORTED MOVES IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA FOR SIX MONTHS AND TO CUT AID TO FRONT-LINE STATES THAT PROVIDE FACILITIES TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN ZIMBABWE RECOGNIZED
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BY THE OAU. THE PRESS RELEASE ALSO STRONGLY URGED THE UNITED STATES NOT TO VIOLATE THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL BY LIFTING THE MANDATORY SANCTIONS UNILATERALLY.

AFTER CAREFULLY CONSIDERING THE MATTER AT ISSUE, THE COMMITTEE SHARED THE APPREHENSION FELT BY THE OAU AND WISHED ITS SENTIMENTS IN THAT REGARD TO GO ON PUBLIC RECORD. IT THEREFORE DECIDED TO ISSUE THIS PRESS RELEASE AS A STATEMENT OF ITS POSITION ON THE MATTER. IN DOING SO, THE COMMITTEE NOTED FROM PRESS INFORMATION PUBLISHED ON 20 JULY 1978 THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED LIFTING OF THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE COMMITTEE EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH HAD INSTITUTED THE SANCTIONS IN IN THE FIRST PLACE, HAD A RIGHT TO LIFT THEM. ALL MEMBER STATES SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO RESPECT AND APPLY STRICTLY THE PROVISIONS OF ALL THE RELEVANT

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SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA, BEARING MIND, IN PARTICULAR, THE PROVISIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 423 (1978). THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS PRESS RELEASE TO THE ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF OAU TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AS WELL AS TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH A REQUEST THAT HE TRANSMIT THE SAME TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

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NOTE OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THIS MATTER BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ITS DECISIONS.
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